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Library of Michigan Helps Put the in MLA's Annual Conference:

Great Lakes! Great Libraries! Great Expectations!

Library of the Future

For the first time, the Michigan Library Association's annual conference will be held in conjunction with Legislative Day Wednesday, November 7, 2001. In appreciation and celebration of this wonderful occurrence, the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation will create a "Library of the Future" in Room 55 of the Capitol. The "Library of the Future" display will allow users hands-on experience with a vast array of electronic library access

and the latest innovations in technology in an environment that is aesthetically pleasing and ergonomically excellent. DBI—a Lansing officer interiors company—will provide furnishings and display items not yet available to the public. The display will also feature a self-check system by Tech-Logic. The focus will be on wireless technology, e-books and more! Don't miss this opportunity to bring your Legislator to see the possibilities available to libraries through their support.

All Conference Reception

Wednesday evening the Library of Michigan Foundation will sponsor a bountiful All-Conference Reception in the beautiful Library of Michigan. All conference attendees and legislators are invited to sample hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, Michigan wines and beers, and elegant desserts.

During the reception State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau and Director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, Dr. William M. Anderson will present the first State Librarian's Excellence Award to the library that exhibits excellence in customer service.

Wednesday Conference Programs

On Wednesday, November 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau will touch on highlights of what to expect in the coming year from the Library of Michigan.

From 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Becky Cawley, Statewide Database Resource Administrator, will serve as the moderator for a panel discussing the statewide resource-sharing plan underway under the auspices of the Action Team for Library Advancement Statewide (ATLAS). The resource sharing study developed by Patrick McClintock of RMG Consultants, Inc., will be examined and the next steps recommended by ATLAS will be discussed.

Thursday Conference Programs

Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Becky Cawley, Statewide Database Resource Administrator, and Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian, will discuss the AccessMichigan project.

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As I write this, we are all still reeling from the events of September 11, 2001 and trying to absorb the depth of the tragedy. We as Americans are a resilient and caring people, and after the first few hours of shock, the most common question heard was, "What can I do to help?" People were restless to help as they lined up to give blood and to donate to charities.

The library community was also responding. My hat goes off to the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) selectors who so quickly brought sources of aid or information to our attention; to Dave Simmons of White Pine Library Cooperative for initiating a web site, (<http://www.wplc.org/usaattack>) of information sources related to the attack; and to so many others who did what they could to help through the provision of information.

This points to the way that we in the library community can best help in this national crisis: by continuing to provide the best library service possible. I encourage you to do what you can by doing what we do best. Create a display of books that teach us how Americans have responded to adversity in our history; organize a discussion group on the crisis or on respecting diversity; provide access to email for those concerned about their loved ones; and continue to provide computer web sites to those seeking information about the crisis.

One of the most potent weapons of this nation is the free access to information through our libraries. As long as the doors to libraries all over the nation remain open, terrorists and those who oppose democracy have not won.

Christie

Library of Michigan Also a Presence at Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) Conference

MAME's annual conference will be held November 7-11, 2001. On Friday, November 9, Becky Cawley, Statewide Database Administrator, will present a program on AccessMichigan, including Michigan Electronic Library and ebooks. Kudos to Cawley for her dedication and stamina!

Cawley and Budler will focus on new resources and plans for the coming year.

Friday Conference Programs

On Friday morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Randy Riley, Special Collections Services Supervisor, will present "Producing a Promotional Video: the Making of 'Genealogy Treasures'." With David Such, president of Such Video Inc., Riley will explore the cost and time commitment that go into creating a professionally produced video. They will provide an overview of the steps necessary to create a successful video, focusing on the library-specific challenges. The session will end with a viewing of "Genealogy Treasures: Discovering the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection."

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Christie Pearson Brandau, State Librarian, and Kristine Tardiff, Youth Services Consultant, are featured in the program "Attracting the Best: Recruitment and Training of Youth Services Professionals." This program attempts to answer the questions: Is your youth room staffed with a qualified, degreed, children's librarian? How can we as directors, department heads, and human resources personnel promote librarianship as a profession? This panel discussion will present ideas from three levels and perspectives: professional, state, and local.

Internet Room

The Library of Michigan is, as usual, co-sponsoring the Internet Room, along with Merit Network, Inc., and Ameritech.

The Library of Michigan provides the network, computers, and operations for the Internet Room. Paul Groll, NIS Director, and Dan Michitsch, Technology Technician, will install and run the room at this popular customer service site.

Library of Michigan staff are also contributing in other ways to the conference. Elaine Harrison, Government Outreach Specialist, is the pre-conference chairperson and Karren Reish, Public Services Librarian, is the Awards Committee chairperson. Reish will MC the event.

Yes, You Can—Yes, You Can Help the Genealogists

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States. On Tuesday, November 6, Randy Riley, Special Collections Services Supervisor, and Carole Callard, Genealogy Specialist, will present an all-day workshop designed to help librarians effectively serve their genealogy patrons while working within their current budgets.

Discussion topics will include genealogy collection development and core resources, local resources, genealogy and the Internet, borrowing materials for your patrons, best Michigan resources, and an overview of the Library of Michigan's approach to genealogy research. A tour of the outstanding Abrams Foundation Historical Collection of genealogy resources is also included. Details for the entire conference can be found at the MLA conference web site <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/conference/index.html>.

Focus on Giving

Local Donor Honors Library of Michigan Genealogical Staff

By Sarah Watkins, Executive Director, Library of Michigan Foundation

When Ruth Lewis walked into my office on July 24, 2001, it was a pleasant surprise. When I learned of her mission, to make a generous donation to the Foundation in honor of the genealogy staff at the Library of Michigan, I was touched.

"It isn't enough, I wish I could do more," said Lewis. "They do so much and are so helpful and knowledgeable. They are wonderful to work with, a real pleasure."

Mrs. Lewis is a previous donor to the Foundation and frequently uses the extensive Abrams Historical Collection in her genealogical pursuits. As a result of her latest gift she now has a leaf on the donor tree on the 2nd floor of the Library of Michigan. The inscription on the leaf reads: Ruth Z. Lewis, In Honor of the Genealogy Staff.

"Ruth's gift and her appreciation of our staff deserve congratulations," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, "and so do our genealogy staff here at the Library of Michigan."

Mrs. Lewis' connection with the genealogical collections at the Library of Michigan goes back many years. When asked how much time she spends at the Library of Michigan, Ruth indicated that she is here four-and-a-half days a week—6 hours each on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 3 hours on Tuesday—something she's been doing since 1976! Why? Her answer is delivered in a calm and certain manner, "I had some family records and I wanted to know more." So, twenty-five years ago she took a 6-week course offered by the Library of Michigan—5 evenings and 1 Saturday—when the Library was housed in the former Dudley Paper Company warehouse on Michigan Avenue. She's been hooked ever since and her passion for genealogy hasn't diminished one little bit. (Ruth's maiden name is Ziegenmeyer. Her father's family has been traced back to 1472!)

In 1977 Lewis joined the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society and has been a member since that time. After her first year with them she became the membership secretary, a position she held for many years. Currently, she is the research chair and is doing voluntary research on the organization's behalf.

Several years ago Lewis took a home study course to become a Certified Genealogical Research Specialist. She completed her application for certification and was approved as a CGRS. From time-to-time, she works professionally as a genealogical researcher, occasionally finding herself working for attorneys looking for heirs to estates. For her, this is fun and rewarding work. Ruth Lewis had no way of knowing that she would become a private detective when she set out to be a genealogist.

"We are pleased and honored to be remembered in this way by Mrs. Lewis," said Randy Riley, Special Collections Services Supervisor. "Ruth Lewis' dedication to genealogy, her work ethic, and her engaging personality make her a pleasure to work with. She's also an inspiration to us and for other genealogists."



Library Research Services Hired to Study Impact of School Library Media Programs on MEAP Scores

By Martha McKee, Interim Public Information Officer

The Library of Michigan has chosen the Library Research Service to study the impact of school library media programs on academic achievement in Michigan. The study will determine whether the presence of a qualified library media specialist in a fully equipped media center plays a role in increased standardized test scores.

Good MEAP test scores are important,” said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. “The Library of Michigan wants to determine how much of a difference having a trained library media specialist and well-stocked media center can make in raising those scores.”

The Library Research Service (LRS) will survey 600 schools, 200 elementary, 200-middle/junior high, and 200 high schools and then analyze MEAP scores in each of the schools. LRS will use five independent team members, who have all worked on similar library media impact studies. Marcia J. Rodney, an independent consultant and co-author of the Alaska, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and the second Colorado study, leads the research team for this project. Keith Curry Lance, Director of the Library Research Service and principal investigator for the original Colorado study and its replications in Alaska, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Oregon is to provide analysis consultation.

Further information regarding the school library media impact studies can be found at the Library Research Service web site at http://www.lrs.org/html/about/school_studies.html.

Vassar Bookmobile Serves Not-So-Traditional Patrons

By James M. Rancilio, Director, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library



Some folks think bookmobiles are obsolete; many urban libraries closed down their bookmobiles years ago. But in rural areas of the state, bookmobiles are still a vital part of library service.

For Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, located in Vassar, bookmobile service serves traditional purposes, with an additional twist. (See related article below.) This class III public library serves over 9,000 people, spread out over 80 square miles. This is not an unusual service area for many of our state's small and mid-size libraries.

For many of our patrons, especially children, using the library building in Vassar is simply not a viable option. This is where the bookmobile proves so valuable. Once a week, the bookmobile stops at three locations spread throughout their service area.

Bookmobile Serves Juvenile Correctional Facility

The bookmobile also serves another, less traditional clientele. The Pioneer Work and Learn (PWL), located in Vassar, is a correctional facility operated by Wolverine Human Services. They contract with the State of Michigan to handle juvenile offenders. The PWL holds over 200 boys, ages 13-18 years, assigned to one of three camps, depending on their ages.

The Vassar Public School offers on-site classroom instruction to the boys. Three years ago, the library approached the teaching staff, asking how they could be of assistance. Because there is no mingling of residents among the camps, the two public agencies decided that the bookmobile would best serve their needs.

The bookmobile currently visits the PWL once a week, circulating books and magazines and taking requests on desired titles, subjects, and authors from the boys. Depending on their ages, they want books on parenting (some of the older boys have young children), careers, mechanical and technical how-to's, fiction, biographies, and even books of poetry.

Most of the boys have never used a library before and the bookmobile has been their first contact with the rich offerings to be found in a library. We've worked hard to make our contacts positive and encouraging. It is our hope that once they are back in society they will continue to use their local community library for education and recreation.

From Summer-Only to Year-Round—Yes, You Can

By James M. Rancilio, Director, Bullard Sanford Memorial Library

For close to a decade the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library made do with summer-only bookmobile service, using a public school van available only when schools closed for the season. While this enabled the library to offer a summer reading program to its more rural neighborhoods and give some service to the Pioneer Work and Learn residents it became increasingly clear that a full-time, year-round bookmobile was needed. But the cost of a new vehicle is \$75,000 to \$100,000, an amount way over our means, and used bookmobiles are scarce.

Used Truck is Found

Then the Vassar city manager told me about a used fire rescue truck with only 12,000 miles, available at cost to the library. With trepidation, we checked out the truck's specifications. Amazingly, it was rated for the bookmobile weight load, thanks to its heavy-duty chassis and suspension. Now "all" we needed to do was raise the roof, add a generator, heating and air-conditioning, remove the fire department's lights and siren, and outfit the interior. And you can guess how much money we had in the budget for these improvements!

A board member reminded me that Destiny, Ltd.,

a company that transforms standard luxury cars into stretch limousines, is located in our service area. We approached the owners to see if they might assist us with the vehicle conversion project. After inspecting the truck, Destiny, Ltd., offered to undertake the entire conversion as a donation to the community!

Our board believed we could not turn down such a generous offer. The library purchased the truck, transferred the title, and added it to our insurance policy.

LSTA Grant Helps

Next, we turned to the question of fitting the new bookmobile with a new core collection of materials, adding cellular phone service, and purchasing computer equipment. We wanted to circulate materials online, access and print information from the library's server, and access and print Internet information for any bookmobile patron. A Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant was written for these improvements and in the fall of 2000 we received the news that our grant was successful.

After conversion by Destiny, Ltd., other Vassar businesses stepped forward to assist the library. Atkins Hardware and Furniture carpeted the interior. Cook GM Super Store tuned up the engine. Partridge's RV & Mobile Home Supplies helped us with details and installed an exterior awning, greatly appreciated in Michigan's hot summers. Gopher Graphics created and mounted the Bookmobile's exterior signage.

In-Kind Made It Possible

On June 10, 2001—in its 95th anniversary year—the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library launched its year-round bookmobile. We are so grateful to the many in-kind services donated by area businesses. In conjunction with the LSTA grant, they made it happen for us. Now the library hopes to expand its stops to include senior citizens' residences and other educational and care agencies.

According to the Michigan Library Statistical Report, 2000 Edition, Bullard Sanford is the smallest library in the state to offer year-round bookmobile service. All of us at the library are grateful to a cooperative city government, generous community businesses, and a supportive community.

The patrons at our bookmobile stops are grateful too.



Tax Season in October?

Oh No!

*By Debbie Gallagher, Government Information Specialist,
Michigan Electronic Library*

It seems like only yesterday you cleared away the tax forms and already we're asking you to think about next year's tax season. We want to make sure the Michigan Treasury has the correct names, addresses and contact people on the shipping list for the State of Michigan Library Tax Form Distribution Program. This year we've made it easier for you to check your entry. We've mounted the entire list on MEL at:
<http://mel.org/government/GOV-librarylist.html>.

Through the techno-wizardry of Paul Groll, director, NIS, Library of Michigan, the Treasury's Library List has been converted to a web page. You'll also find a link to the list on the MEL Michigan Tax Forms page at <http://mel.org/michigan/mitaxforms.html>.

Please check your entry and email corrections to either:

debg@mel.org or gallagherd@aadl.org.

The sooner the list is revised and sent to Michigan's Treasury, the sooner the shipping labels can be printed. LaSandra Jones at Treasury confirms the Hotline number for libraries will be the same for the upcoming tax season, 517-241-0818. For those of you interested in government trivia, they've changed the name of the department from Income Tax Division to Customer Contact Division, Forms Request Unit.

Please remember, a librarian did not create the Library List. When you're looking for your library, be creative. The list is arranged alphabetically, and I do mean alphabetically. For example, the Alfred Noble Library is found under "A." I found one listed by the first name of the contact person, others with amazing variations on the library name. So be patient, and thorough, you're there, somewhere.

We'll have important updates on the Michigan and Federal Tax Forms programs at the MLA Annual Conference in Lansing, November 7 - 9. Check <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/conference/events/index.html> for details. Thank you for participating in this important service to Michigan citizens.

Tout Your eBook Collection the Easy Way

By Becky Cawley, Statewide Database Administrator

Want to publicize your eBook collection with a press release for your local newspaper? Click on http://www.ebooktoolkit.com/PR_pressrelease.html for an easy-to-use template created by netLibrary. Choose from an academic, public, or corporate (special) library sample.

To promote the Michigan angle add a sentence such as the following, "The Michigan Electronic Library Ebook Collection contains more than 10,500 titles. 25% of these titles were purchased by libraries and library cooperatives and added to the original Library of Michigan collection for the benefit of all residents."

Want to publicize your eBooks in your library, college, or company newsletter? Use http://www.ebooktoolkit.com/PR_articles.html. Again you get a choice of type of library and can use the same information concerning Michigan.

Census Help

*By Debbie Gallagher, Government Information Specialist,
Michigan Electronic Library*

Want to find census data without waiting ten years? Then head over to <http://www.census.gov/c2ss/www/Products/Profiles/2000/index.htm>. Material at this web site is part of the American Community Survey (ACS). The Census Bureau is launching ACS to provide data about your local community on an annual basis, instead of every 10 years.

The web site includes data on income, poverty, education, occupations, and transportation. In addition, it provides the information a full nine months before the Census 2000 SF3 data is released.

The data for counties and places will be released this fall. For now, take a look at the state-level page to get an idea of the wide range of information you will soon be able to retrieve about your communities. Of course, you can link to the data from the MI Statistics and MI New & Noteworthy web pages of the Michigan Electronic Library:

<http://www.mel.org/government/GOV=minew.html>,
and <http://www.mel.org/michigan/MI-statistics.html>.

Demystifying the Michigan Statutes, or, Michigan Law Reference 101

By Nancy Whitmer, Law Librarian

If you recently unpacked and shelved your inaugural set of the Michigan Compiled Laws Service (MCLS) published by Lexis Nexis, this is a good time to explain a few things you should know about it, and how it fits in with other Michigan law materials that you might have in your collection.

The paper Michigan Compiled Laws Service is one of the versions of Michigan's statutory code. Along with the paper Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (MCLA) published by West Group, and the electronic Michigan Compiled Laws (<http://michiganlegislature.org/law>), it contains the statutes, as amended, that have been enacted by our legislature and signed by the governor.

MCLS is arranged into chapters, each covering different subject matter. For example, chapter 257 is motor vehicle law; chapter 324 is environmental law; and chapter 500 is insurance law. This is the statutory law that is in force, as current as a paper set of statutes can be.

If you already have the MCLS, you may have had a standing order for its predecessor, the Michigan Statutes Annotated (MSA) and you are wondering what to do with the latter set, which was discontinued in April, 2001. My advice? Leave the MSA right where it is, at least for the time being. It has been widely cited for the past several decades, and researchers will be encountering those citations for years to come. In addition, patrons who have used the MSA are familiar with its format and, for a while, may wish to start there. Keeping the MSA around will help both you and your patrons make a smooth transition to the new format. However, if you can't afford to do that, be assured that the Library of Michigan State Law Library will keep it forever.

Why should a library devote so much space and money to a hardcopy set of statutes, when there now is an Internet version that is searchable in so many ways? How might your patrons benefit from either the MCLS or the MCLA? The answer is in the annotations, or notes. Notes follow most of the sections of law. These notes refer to other kinds of law or to books and articles about the law.

For example, let's consider one section of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. In both the MCLA and the MCLS, section 15.268 is accompanied by several groups of notes, including references to case law digests, periodical articles and summaries of court opinions. These annotations were added by

the editorial staff and are not part of the law. However, by going to the sources cited in them, your patron can learn how a section of law has been applied to real life situations and how it has been construed. In other words, he can learn more about what it actually means. That's why annotations are so valuable.

Another important feature of the MCLA, the MCLS and the Michigan Compiled Laws online is that they give us the law as amended. Because it is regularly updated, a statutory code contains the law that is in force today. Well, almost. As the legislature passes bills and the governor signs them, they become public acts and are incorporated into our compiled laws. In other words, they are codified. If new public acts were added to the set of statutes in your library or on the Internet every hour or even every day, you would have the law that really is in force today. Of course that doesn't happen, but these publications give you systematic, periodic updating.

The paper MCLS and MCLA are updated annually with new pocket parts which report changes in the law and annotations. Because the legislature enacts between 200 and 600 public acts each year, current pocket parts are essential. Complementary publications containing very recently enacted public acts further update both sets of statutes.

Librarians relying exclusively on the electronic Michigan Compiled Laws know that it is updated several times a year. Each time you search, it's important to be aware of the "Complete Through Public Act (PA)...of 2001" note at the top of the screens. Unfortunately, it's not safe to assume that that PA was the last one enacted this year.

However, the web site enables you and your patrons to find out whether a section of law has been amended very recently, even yesterday. You can also view that amendment in full text. Our next article will explain how. If you have any questions on this topic please call the Library of Michigan, State Law Library at 517-373-0630.

If your library gets the Public and Local Acts, you may be wondering just how they fit into all this. Aren't they a complete set of all the public acts? Yes they are, but they differ from the compiled laws in that they are arranged chronologically instead of topically. While they are a valuable permanent record of all acts year by year, they have no cumulative subject indexing. Therefore, as you undoubtedly have discovered, they are not a convenient source for finding the law that is in force today. Nevertheless, you should be aware that the Public and Local Acts do contain some law not included in the compiled laws. Only there can you find all local acts and those public acts dealing with appropriations, for example.

If you have further questions after reading this article, feel free to contact Nancy Whitmer at nwhitmer@libraryofmichigan.org, or call 517-373-0630.

Universal Service Fund (USF) Update

By Sheryl Mase, Library Services and Technology Act, USF Library Specialist

Michigan received \$3,342,867 in the third wave of funding for USF Year 4. The breakdown is as follows:

- 19 schools: \$3,320,145
- 3 libraries: \$ 22,721

Totals to date through Wave 2:

- Schools: \$24,821,891
- Libraries: \$ 1,685,791
- Total: \$26,507,682

The Wave 3 funding commitment for Michigan is listed on the Michigan Information Network (MIN) web site: <http://www.state.mi.us/cio/min/>. All of the Wave 3 funding commitments are available on the SLD site: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/funding>.

New Responsibilities and New Faces at the Library of Michigan

Carol Fink has accepted the position of Assistant Rare Book Librarian. She began her new duties August 20.

Sonya Schryer began August 19th as a Library Assistant III for SBPH in Public Services.

Kendel Darragh began August 19th as a temporary Reference Assistant in Public Services.

Useful Statistics Department:

Next time you need a useful statistic for your board, funding source, or local newspapers, use this one from the National Center For Education Statistics:

- 49% of children whose families took them to the library at least once in the past month showed three or more signs of emerging literacy (recognizing letters, counting to 20, reading or pretending to read storybooks, or writing their own names) compared to 33% of children whose families did not take them to the library in the past month.



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Traverse District Library

This charming ad copy was the brainchild of TDL staff members. Library director Mike McGuire suggested using the new train in the Children's Garden located at the Library.



Digitization in a Virtual World

On September 17th and 18th, 1999, approximately 200 members of Michigan's library community attended a two-day conference in Lansing to discuss the preferred future of library services for all residents of our state. At that time several common goals and initiatives were identified.

One of these goals involved developing "a statewide ILL system including delivery and digitization." Certainly when we talk about making information available to all residents, whenever and wherever they need or want this information, we must include delivery and delivering information digitally makes perfect sense when you are talking about a virtual 24/7 world.

Digitization takes many forms from the simple Kodak photographs families share via the Web to the Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project <http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/> of the Northern Illinois University.

ABC Public Service Announcements Promotes *@ your library*TM

From the American Library Association

The Campaign for America's Libraries is delighted that the ABC television network is producing Public Service Announcements (PSAs). The PSAs are part of ABC's Children First series and will stress the importance of today's libraries in children's lives.

Taped to support the goals of the @ your libraryTM campaign, the PSAs featuring ABC stars, including Meredith Vieira from The View and Lynn Herring from Port Charles. ABC is distributing them now to local affiliate stations across the country.

These PSAs can serve as highly visible vehicles for communicating key messages about the value of libraries. You and your library can play an important role in ensuring that local ABC stations choose to air these new PSAs and that you make the most of ABC's commitment to America's libraries. Here's how.

Visit <http://www.abcChildrenFirst.com/abcstations.html> to identify your local ABC station. Find out the name and telephone number of the Public Affairs/Community Relations Manager or Public Service Director at your local station. Call him or her and identify yourself as a representative from the local library community. Convey how excited you are about ABC's decision to produce PSAs about libraries. Urge the Public Affairs/Community Relations Manager/Public Service Director to air these PSAs.

If a trustee, member of your Friends group or business leader has a connection with management officials at your local ABC station, ask that person to place a call to the station on behalf of your library.

Offer to work with the station on events, live broadcasts and joint community relations initiatives. For example, newscasters from the local station may be interested in showcasing what's new @ your library during September — Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Note: Be sure to follow-up with a note thanking your contact for his or her support of libraries and extend an invitation to tour your library. Include information on upcoming events, special services and how your library serves children, and the local community. Include the television station on your library's mailing list to ensure that producers have the latest news on what is happening @ your library.

This is an exciting development for The Campaign for America's Libraries. We appreciate you taking the time to help ensure these new PSAs about libraries are broadcast on ABC stations across the country. For more information about the @ your library campaign, visit <http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary>, send an email to atyourlibrary@ala.org or call 1-866-4-LIBRARY.

@ your libraryTM

Garfield Memorial Library

Ameritech Digital Inclusion Award is funding community computer training projects at the Garfield Memorial Library in Clare, the Gladwin County Library System, the Harrison Community Library and the Literacy Council of Clare and Gladwin Counties.

Ameritech and Cyber-state.org formed a partnership to provide this funding opportunity in order to ensure the inclusion of all community members in the digital society through creative, community-driven programs.

Detroit

The Detroit Public Library has partnered with WTVS Detroit Public Television to deliver an interactive set of videos and computer games for children developed by the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Cultural Collaborative for Learning's smART-Media.

Dubbed Exploration Stations, children use interactive computer programs to enjoy "A Trip to the Zoo," "Mysteries of Science," with the Detroit Science Center, "Mozart, Math and Music" with the Detroit symphony, a visit to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and more.

Clinton Township

The 20 Suburban Library Cooperative members recently migrated as a cooperative to a SIRSI computer catalog. The system is Windows-based and can be customized at the local library level. It replaces a cooperative-shared Dynix system in place since 1991.

Suburban and Lakeland Library Cooperative are the two cooperatives to offer their patrons online, real-time access to every members' collections.

The cooperative hasn't stopped there. "We are also working on a digital media archive for those libraries that have historical documents they are interested in converting to a digital format," said Tammy Turgeon, cooperative director. Contact Turgeon at (810) 296-5750 or turgeont@libcoop.net for more information.

**Around
the State**

Ann Arbor

Do you have die-hard go-blue patrons? Turn them loose on the Bentley Historical Library's new web page <http://www.umich.edu/~bhl/athdept/athhist.htm>. At this online history of U-M sports they can learn the football team's five retired numbers, listen to a Bob Ufer sound clip, and see pictures of the Ann Arbor Fairgrounds, the original Big House. Who could ask for anything more?

Marquette

Pamela Christensen, director of the Peter White Public Library, was presented with the Celebrate Literacy award from the International Reading Association. Christensen won the award for her "leadership role in the library expansion project."

Ann Arbor

Shutta Crum, youth librarian at the Ann Arbor District Library, welcomed the publication of her first book, *Who Took My Hairy Toe?* (Whitman, September, 2001) to glowing reviews in Kirkus and Booklist. Ms. Crum is also the author of *All On a Sleepy Night* (Stoddart Kids, 2001), a Canadian title that will be released in the U.S. next spring. In addition, she has four forthcoming books that have been sold to major children's publishers.

Hesperia Public Library

The Gerber Foundation announced a \$75,000 donation to the Hesperia Public Library. The Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care, and development. The Hesperia library is planning a 7,000 square foot addition, to include a 1,400 square foot children's room, up from their current space of 300 square feet.

"Supporting the library and, specifically, the children's room, fits our purpose perfectly," said Carolyn Morby, Gerber Foundation trustee.

In addition, the Foundation will match donations for the addition from Gerber Products Company employees and retirees.

Hesperia is located 12 miles from Fremont, Gerber headquarters.

If you have a news item you would like to contribute, please contact Martha McKee at 517-373-5578 or email: mmckee@libraryofmichigan.org

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